## **August 2011 Overview**

## **Sequoia Backcountry Trail Crew**

**Paul Hancock: Supervisor** 

<u>Inyo:</u> Well, we made it to our last stop on the Inyo. Our crew has driven all over this state and is ready to settle down. For the next 4 weeks or so our home is on the Kings Creek Trail not far from the Devil's Postpile Monument. We will be maintaining a 14-mile loop under the southern end of the Minarets. We have little time and a good amount of work to do.

<u>Sequoia:</u> Our stay in Sequoia National Park went great. Our total trees logged in Sequoia (Mineral King and Hockett Meadow Plateau) was 600. We even had some time to work on causeways, rock walls, switchbacks, re-routes, and a puncheon. Camp life was a little unsettling due to the amount of dead trees and snags surrounding the camp and personal tents.

Weekend Jaunts: Homers Nose, Evelyn Lake, Ansel Lake, and Vandeavor Peak.

**Guests:** Mark Mandel (Sophie's father) Karlson and Becca, Felicity from the New York Times, Good Times!

**Odds and Ends:** Our crew also responded to an emergency. A friend of our sponsors had a heart attack and we created a stretcher and proceeded to transport Don to LZ. We are happy to report on was recuperating after undergoing surgery.

**Curriculum:** Music Theory by Lisa McGurty, Forest Demography Studies by Christen from USGS, Plant Life and guide book use by Ariana, T-shirt Design, a visit by Karlson, Food Enjoyment by Aaron Hernandez, Russel's amazing eastside Sierra Geology lesson in 1 day, and Justin LaBate's Breathing Management class